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SUBJECT: INAUGURATION OF LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL OFFICE
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
CARACAS, APRIL 17

REF: 77 BRUSSELS 5617

1. MISSION IS INFORMED THAT COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN ITS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICA IN CARACAS, APRIL 17. EC COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP (WHO ALSO HOLDS THE EC'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS PORTFOLIO) WILL REPRESENT THE COMMISSION AT THE CEREMONIES MARKING THIS EVENT. AS REPORTED PARA 5, REFTEL, EXISTING COMMISSION OFFICE IN SANTIAGO IS TO BECOME A BRANCH OF THE CARACAS OFFICE.

2. WHILE SHIFTING SITE OF MAIN EC COMMISSION OFFICE FROM SANTIAGO TO CARACAS OSTENSIBLY REFLECTS EC RECOGNITION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF VENEZUELA IN LATIN AMERICAN AND THIRD WORLD AFFAIRS GENERALLY, COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US PRIVATELY THAT THIS DECISION IS CHIEFLY A RESULT OF NARROW POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. AT AN UNDISCLOSED TIME IN THE PAST, VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP REPORTEDLY PROMISED CERTAIN PROMINENT FRG SOCIALIST DEPUTIES THAT EC WOULD CLOSE SANTIAGO OFFICE AS A SIGN OF DISPLEASURE WITH CUR-

RENT REGIME. WHEN, HOWEVER, IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY POINTED OUT TO HAERKAMP THAT ECLA IS LOCATED IN SANTIAGO, IT BECAME NECESSARY TO REACH A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MAIN OFFICE IN CARACAS, WITH SANTIAGO SERVING ONLY AS A BRANCH.

3. COMMISSION DELEGATE TO HEAD CARACAS OFFICE HAS REPORTEDLY NOT YET BEEN NAMED. HINTON

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